

Idaho's Life Jacket Loaner Program



Idaho



- Idaho has over 16,000 miles of rivers
- More than 2,000 lakes and reservoirs
- Over 80,000 registered boats annually
- ? Number of un-registered/Non-Motorized boats

Accident/Fatalities



Year	# Accidents	# Fatalities	PFD Worn (Y)	PFD Worn (N)
2008	65	15	4	11
2009	74	15	5	10
2010	67	13	3	10
2011	57	12	8	4
2012	66	11	3	8
2013	45	5	3	2

Nationally



USCG 2012 Recreational Boating Statistics Report

- 71% of boating fatalities were due to drowning
- 85% of those were not wearing a life jacket

Education



- Education focus needed to be on life jacket wear



History

- The first life jacket loaner station was installed in Homer, Alaska in 1996.
- Obtained through a State grant, in response to a high number of children drowning in the Kachemak Bay.
- Today they have over 600 stations statewide.



Idaho Jumps On-Board

Our North Region maintenance crew said why not...

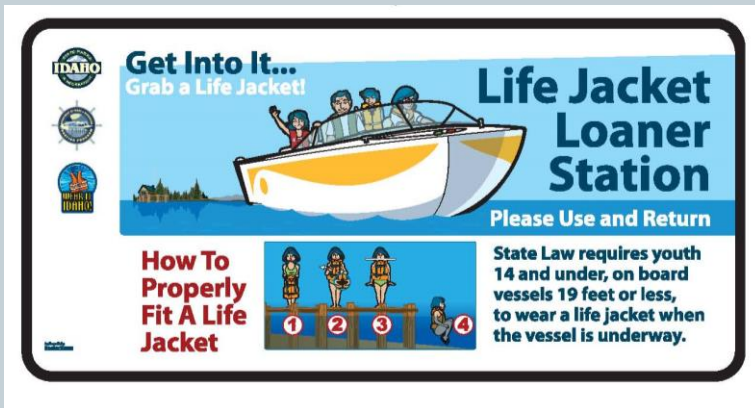


The building begins...



Materials

Sign boards were designed and built...



Life Jackets were purchased and stamped...

Idaho's First Life Jacket Loaner Station



- In 2010 Idaho installs it's first Life Jacket Loaner Station at Lake Cascade State Park.



Beginning Partnerships



- The second station is installed at Blackwell Island at Coeur d'Alene Lake in a partnership with U.S.C.G. Auxiliary and the Bureau of Land Management.



Continues to Grow



The Life Jacket Loaner Program continues to grow as well as the relationships and partnerships...

Some of our Partners Include:

USCG Auxiliary, BLM, Forest Service, Army Corps, Idaho Power, State, County and City organizations.

Building even more partnerships...



- Boy Scouts

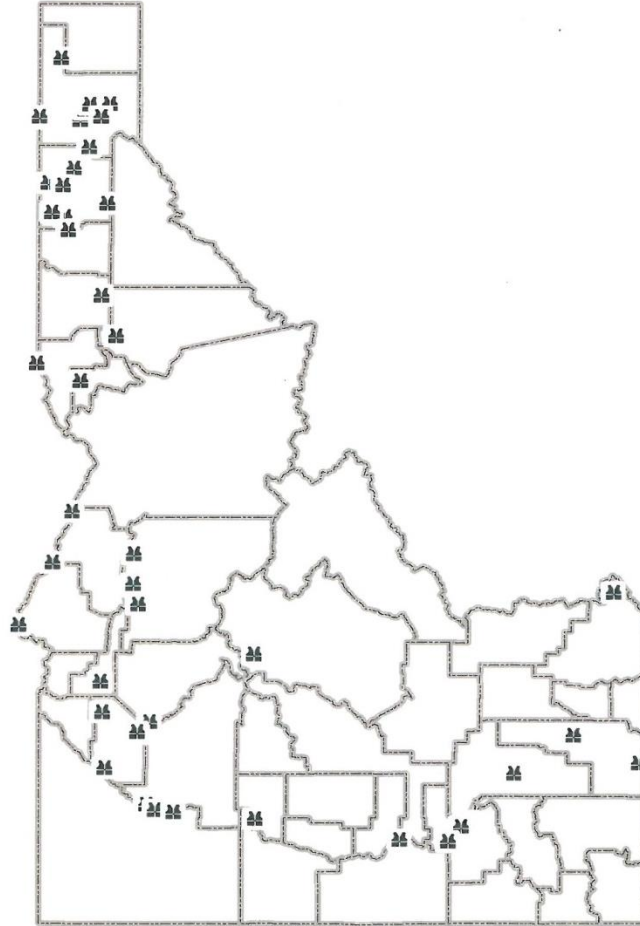


Memorial



American Falls Reservoir

68 Stations located around the state



Where are they installed?



- Public boat ramps
- Swim beaches – partner with Department of Health & Welfare



How are they funded?



The Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund

- Taxes on fishing tackle and equipment, motorboat fuel, imported boats and fishing equipment, and small engines are pooled together to create this fund.
- In turn, the money is then allocated to federal and state programs for recreational boating safety (RBS), boating access and infrastructure, among others.

Who maintains the stations?



It goes back to those partnerships....

We ask the park/land manager or organizations like the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to inspect them on a regular basis and let us know if life jackets need to be replaced or if the station needs any maintenance.

How do we get a Life Jacket Loaner Station?



- Obtain permission from the land owner or manager.
- Contact IDPR...
 - *Date and time of installation will be determined*
 - *IDPR asks for assistance to install the station*
 - ✦ *i.e. manpower, equipment to dig holes, etc.*



Questions ?



Moose Creek